

Toolbits | by Tom O'Brien



Tough Levels.

Though best-known for clamps and layout tools, Bora also makes a full line of spirit levels, which it says can take anything the job site dishes out. Each of the nine levels is made from structural aircraft-grade steel, with pliable internal reinforcement bars and scratch-resistant acrylic vials. All come with a lifetime precision guarantee. Users of a certain age will appreciate the magnified center vial. Sizes range from 16 inches (\$90) to 96 inches (\$270).

Affinity Tool Works, 866/588-0395, affinitytool.com/bora.



Cloud-Free Grinding. The *DustBuddie* is a clear plastic shroud that replaces the factory guard on most grinders and — when attached to an effective vacuum — captures 99 percent of the dust generated by grinding, says the maker. It's sold in two diameters — 5 inches (for mini grinders) and 7 inches (for full-size grinders) — and comes with a brush skirt and a removable front lip so you can use the grinder for tuck-pointing. Both sizes cost \$100.

Dustless Technologies, 800/568-3949, dustlesstechnologies.com.

3-in-1 Laser. Bosch's new *GLM 80* laser features a unique "two-axis tilt sensor" that can determine the height of distant objects and perform straight-line measurements. A 24-inch box-beam attachment (R 60) converts the tool into a digital spirit level. The GLM 80 runs on a lithium ion battery that can power as many as 25,000 measurements. It costs \$245 alone and \$290 with the box-beam attachment.

Bosch, 877/267-2499, boschtools.com.



Rent-a-Sprayer. Graco says its *RentalPro Airless Paint Sprayers* have been designed to stand up to the rigors of the rental market. Choices include the RentalPro 210, a hand-carried 35-pound sprayer powered by a 1/2-hp motor; and the RentalPro 230, a wheeled 65-pound version with a 5/8-hp motor. Both tools feature a host of upgraded components to minimize breakdowns, says the maker, and both can be easily cleaned with a garden hose. They rent for \$45 to \$80 per day.

Graco, 877/898-1241, rentalpro.graco.com.

